

Marked-Up Amendments to the Claims

1. (Cancelled)
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3. (Amended) A method for spray paint marking railroad ties using a multiple nozzle spray paint apparatus,
 - a) wherein said apparatus comprises:
 - i. a plurality of spray paint cans held in a plurality of spray paint can holders;
 - ii. said spray paint can holders having a trigger mechanism for releasing paint from ~~the~~ said spray paint cans;
 - iii. said spray paint can holders being attached either fixedly or adjustably in a vertical ~~and~~/or angular position relative to a horizontal main frame at either end of ~~the~~ said main frame;
 - iv. a plurality of roller brackets attached horizontally and perpendicular to ~~the~~ said main frame;
 - v. a plurality of vertically and horizontally mounted rollers rotatably attached to said roller brackets;
 - vi. a center bracket being attached to said main frame;
 - vii. a carrying handle and guide brackets attached to said center bracket;
 - viii. a cable connector bar moveably connected to said center bracket and to a plurality of cables;
 - ix. a push handle bracket attached to ~~the~~ said main frame;
 - x. a handle grip and trigger mechanism attached to a push handle, said push handle being ~~removably~~ attached to ~~the~~ said push handle bracket;
 - xi. of ~~the~~ said plurality of cables, the first said cable is attached to ~~the~~ said push handle trigger mechanism and to ~~the~~ said cable connector bar, two other said cables being connected to ~~the~~ said cable connector bars and to two tension

adjustment hooks, ~~the~~ said tension adjustment hooks being further connected to two tension adjustment bars wherein said tension adjustment bars are further connected to another said cable which is connected to said spray paint can holder triggers;

xii. said cables being guided by a plurality of pulley rollers rotatably attached to ~~the~~ said center bracket and to the end pulley brackets;

xiii. said cables being held in tension and in an non-triggering mode by tension spring attached to ~~the~~ said cables along the length of ~~the~~ said main frame; and

b) wherein said method comprises the steps of:

- i. positioning ~~the~~ said apparatus on the railroad track in a horizontal position such that ~~the~~ said rollers are in contact with said ~~the~~ railroad track and perpendicular to ~~the~~ said railroad tracks;
- ii. ~~attaching the said push handle to the said push handle bracket;~~
- iii. placing said spray paint cans in ~~the~~ said spray paint can holders;
- iv. moving ~~the~~ said apparatus down ~~the~~ said railroad track by pushing ~~the~~ said push handle attached to ~~the~~ said apparatus;
- v. identifying said railroad ties that need to be replaced;
- vi. stopping ~~the~~ said apparatus and activating said triggering mechanism such that paint sprays simultaneously from ~~the~~ said plurality of spray paint cans onto the exposed top ends of ~~the~~ said railroad ties;
- vii. releasing ~~the~~ said triggering mechanism to stop ~~the~~ said paint from spraying;
and
- viii. continuing to push ~~the~~ said apparatus down ~~the~~ said railroad track looking for more of ~~the~~ said railroad ties that need to be replaced.

4. (Amended) A method for spray paint marking railroad ties using a multiple nozzle spray paint ~~and~~ apparatus as recited in claim 3,

a) wherein said apparatus further comprises ~~includes~~:

- i. additional said spray paint cans inserted in additional spray paint can holders being attached either fixedly or adjustably in a vertical ~~and~~/or angular position relative to a horizontal main frame at one or more locations along the interior horizontal length of ~~the~~ said main frame;
- ii. additional cables being attached to ~~the~~ said cable connector bar which is movably~~e~~ connected to said center bracket;
- iii. ~~the~~ said additional cables being attached to the spray paint can holder triggers mounted in ~~the~~ said additional spray paint can holders;
- iv. said additional spray paint can holders being mounted to center brackets which are in turn mounted to said frame;
- v. said additional cables being guided by a plurality of pulley rollers rotatably attached to ~~the~~ said center brackets;
- vi. said cables being held in tension and in an non-triggering mode by tension spring attached to ~~the~~ said cables along the length of ~~the~~ said main frame; and

b) wherein said method further comprises ~~includes~~ the additional steps of:

- i. placing said spray paint cans in ~~the~~ said additional spray paint can holders; and
- ii. stopping ~~the~~ said apparatus and activating said triggering mechanism such that paint sprays simultaneously from ~~the~~ said plurality of spray paint cans onto the exposed top ends of ~~the~~ said railroad ties and on the exposed said railroad tie areas in between ~~the~~ said railroad track.

5. (Amended) A method for spray paint marking railroad ties using a multiple nozzle spray paint ~~and~~ apparatus as recited in claim 3,

a) wherein said apparatus further comprises:

- i. a plurality of said spray paint cans that have a ~~said~~ shaped spray paint nozzle and clip attached to each said spray paint can;

- ii. a plurality of said spray paint can holders, each having a spray paint can nozzle clip opening designed to accept the insertion of ~~the~~ said shaped spray paint can nozzle clip in order to keep the resulting said paint spray aligned with ~~the~~ said railroad track; and

b) wherein said method further comprises the additional steps of:

- i. placing the said spray paint cans with the attached said shaped spray paint nozzle and clip into ~~the~~ said spray paint can holders such that ~~the~~ said spray paint can nozzle clips are in alignment with the spray paint can holder nozzle clip opening; and
- ii. stopping ~~the~~ said apparatus and activating ~~the~~ said triggering mechanism such that paint sprays onto the top surface of ~~the~~ said railroad ties in a shape as defined by the shape of ~~the~~ said shaped spray paint nozzle.

6. (Amended) A method for spray paint marking railroad ties using a multiple nozzle spray paint and apparatus as recited in claim 4,

a) wherein said apparatus further comprises:

- i. a plurality of said spray paint cans that have a ~~said~~ shaped spray paint nozzle and clip attached to each said spray paint can;
- ii. a plurality of said spray paint can holders, each having a spray paint can nozzle clip opening designed to accept the insertion of ~~the~~ said shaped spray paint can nozzle clip in order to keep the resulting said paint spray aligned with ~~the~~ said railroad track; and

b) wherein said method further comprises the additional steps of:

- i. placing ~~the~~ said spray paint cans with the attached said shaped spray paint nozzle and clip into ~~the~~ said spray paint can holders such that ~~the~~ said spray paint can nozzle clips are in alignment with the spray paint can holder nozzle clip opening; and

- ii. stopping ~~the~~ said apparatus and activating ~~the~~ said triggering mechanism such that paint sprays onto the top surface of ~~the~~ said railroad ties in a shape as defined by the shape of ~~the~~ said shaped spray paint nozzle.
7. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 3, comprising the additional step of attaching wherein there are flexible spray paint shields attached to ~~the~~ said spray paint can holders to prevent the wind from blowing said spray paint away from said railroad ties.
8. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 4, comprising the additional step of attaching wherein there are flexible spray paint shields attached to ~~the~~ said spray paint can holders to prevent the wind from blowing said spray paint away from said railroad ties.
9. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 5, comprising the additional step of attaching wherein there are flexible spray paint shields attached to ~~the~~ said spray paint can holders to prevent the wind from blowing said spray paint away from said railroad ties.
10. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 6, comprising the additional step of attaching wherein there are flexible spray paint shields attached to ~~the~~ said spray paint can holders to prevent the wind from blowing said spray paint away from said railroad ties.
11. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 3, comprising the additional steps of attaching wherein there are one or more spray paint cans tray holders mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.

12. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 4, comprising the additional steps of attaching ~~wherein there are~~ one or more spray paint cans tray holders ~~mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.~~
13. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 5, comprising the additional steps of attaching ~~wherein there are~~ one or more spray paint cans tray holders ~~mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.~~
14. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 6, comprising the additional steps of attaching ~~wherein there are~~ one or more spray paint cans tray holders ~~mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.~~
15. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 7, comprising the additional steps of attaching ~~wherein there are~~ one or more spray paint cans tray holders ~~mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.~~
16. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 8, comprising the additional steps of attaching ~~wherein there are~~ one or more spray paint cans tray holders ~~mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.~~
17. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 9, comprising the additional steps of attaching ~~wherein there are~~ one or more spray paint cans tray holders

~~mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.~~

18. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 10, comprising the additional steps of attaching ~~wherein there are~~ one or more spray paint cans tray holders ~~mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.~~
19. (Amended) A method for spray paint marking railroad track using a multiple nozzle spray paint apparatus,
 - a) wherein said apparatus comprises:
 - i. a singular or a plurality of spray paint cans held in a single or a plurality of spray paint can holders;
 - ii. said spray paint can holders having a trigger mechanism for releasing paint from ~~the~~ said spray paint cans;
 - iii. said spray paint can holders being attached either fixedly or adjustably in a horizontal ~~and/or~~ angular position relative to a horizontal main frame at one or more locations along the interior horizontal length of ~~the~~ said main frame;
 - iv. a plurality of roller brackets attached horizontally and parallel to ~~the~~ said main frame;
 - v. a plurality of vertically and horizontally mounted rollers rotatably attached to said roller brackets;
 - vi. a center bracket being attached to said main frame;
 - vii. a carrying handle and guide brackets attached to said center bracket;
 - viii. a cable connector bar moveably connected to said center bracket and to a plurality of cables;
 - ix. a push handle bracket attached to ~~the~~ said main frame;

- x. a handle grip and trigger mechanism attached to a push handle, said push handle being ~~removably~~ attached to ~~the~~ said push handle bracket;
- xi. of ~~the~~ said plurality of cables, the first said cable is attached to ~~the~~ said push handle trigger mechanism and to ~~the~~ said cable connector bar, two other said cables being connected to ~~the~~ said cable connector bars and to two tension adjustment hooks, ~~the~~ said tension adjustment hooks being further connected to two tension adjustment bars wherein said tension adjustment bars are further connected to another said cable which is connected to said spray paint can holder triggers;
- xii. said cables being guided by a plurality of pulley rollers rotatably attached to ~~the~~ said center bracket and to the end pulley brackets;
- xiii. said cables being held in tension and in ~~an~~ non-triggering mode by tension spring attached to ~~the~~ said cables along the length of ~~the~~ said main frame; and

b) wherein said method comprises the steps of:

- i. positioning ~~the~~ said apparatus on the railroad track in a horizontal position such that ~~the~~ said rollers are in contact with the railroad track and perpendicular to ~~the~~ said railroad tracks;
- ii. ~~attaching the said push handle to the said push handle bracket;~~
- iii. placing said spray paint can(s) in ~~the~~ said spray paint can holder(s);
- iv. moving ~~the~~ said apparatus down ~~the~~ said railroad track by pushing ~~the~~ said push handle attached to ~~the~~ said apparatus;
- v. identifying said railroad ties that need to be replaced;
- vi. stopping ~~the~~ said apparatus and activating said triggering mechanism such that paint sprays simultaneously from ~~the~~ said plurality of spray paint cans onto the ~~inside~~ surface of ~~the~~ said railroad track;
- vii. releasing ~~the~~ said triggering mechanism to stop ~~the~~ said paint from spraying;

and

viii. continuing to push ~~the~~ said apparatus down ~~the~~ said railroad track looking for more of ~~the~~ said railroad ties that need to be replaced.

20. (Amended) A method for spray paint marking railroad track and apparatus as recited in claim 19,

a) wherein said apparatus further comprises:

- i. a plurality of said spray paint cans that have ~~a~~ ~~said~~ shaped spray paint nozzle and clip attached to each said spray paint can;
- ii. a plurality of said spray paint can holders, each having a spray paint can nozzle clip opening designed to accept the insertion of the said shaped spray paint can nozzle clip in order to keep the resulting ~~said~~ paint spray aligned with ~~the~~ said railroad track; and

b) wherein said method comprises the additional step of:

- i. placing ~~the~~ said spray paint cans with the attached ~~said~~ shaped spray paint nozzle and clip into ~~the~~ said spray paint can holders such that the said spray paint can nozzle clips are in alignment with the spray paint can holder nozzle clip opening.

21. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 19, comprising the additional step of attaching wherein there are flexible spray paint shields ~~attached~~ to ~~the~~ said spray paint can holders to prevent the wind from blowing the spray paint away from said railroad track.

22. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 20, comprising the additional step of attaching wherein there are flexible spray paint shields ~~attached~~ to ~~the~~ said spray paint can holders to prevent the wind from blowing the spray paint away from said railroad track.

23. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 19, comprising the additional steps of attaching wherein there are one or more spray paint can tray holders mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.
24. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 20, comprising the additional steps of attaching wherein there are one or more spray paint can tray holders mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.
25. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 21, comprising the additional steps of attaching wherein there are one or more spray paint can tray holders mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.
26. (Amended) The method An apparatus as recited in claim 22, comprising the additional steps of attaching wherein there are one or more spray paint can tray holders mounted either removably or fixed to the said main frame for storing unused and used spray paint cans and placing spray paint cans onto said spray paint tray holders.